

THE FULL
EXAMINATION
 Of Six suspected Catholick Gentlemen, brought
 before the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, who
 were Seized for Dispersing the late
KING JAMES's Declaration.

A S A L S O.

A Relation of the Death of a Scotch Papist Gentleman, Named CHARLES STUART, Laird of Castleton, who Murder'd himself at Mr. Walter Davis House in Amen-Corner, the 11th of this Instant June, 1689. who was suspected as a Confederate with the Six aforesaid Gentlemen, in Dispersing the said Declaration.

ON Munday being the 10th Instant, between 11. and 12. at Night were apprehended Six Gentlemen of good Fashion and Appearance, and of seeming Quality, who were taken in manner following: These Gentlemen had been persued by the Constable and Watch, and about the Hour of Eleven at Night were fixt at the *Ship-Tavern* over-against the *Poultry-Compter*; and upon enquiry made of the Master of the House, he first own'd them for his Relations and Friends; but after many frivolous and contradictory Excuses, the Constable and Officers not satisfied therewith, apprehended them, and found with them about 400 or 500 hundred of the late King *James* his Declaration, newly Wet from the Press, covered over with a Purple Cloak; the Cloak as well as Papers were utterly disown'd, and the Persons committed to Jayle, and the next day being Examined before the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, were very obstinate, refusing to own the Papers, or discover their true Names; for which they were Remanded to Prison, and with them the Master of the said Tavern as their Confederate.

About *Christmas* last also, a *Scotch* Gentleman took a Lodging at Mr. *Davis's* a *Book-Binder*, dwelling at *Amen-Corner*, near *Fater-Noster-Row*; his Civil Deportment and Behaviour, gain'd much upon the Affections of his kind Landlord, and his great Parts and Ingenuity made his Company very acceptable to all persons. He was observ'd to be a very sober and moderate Man, and very Complaisant to all persons; and in the late King *James's* time liv'd in that Splendor, that he kept two Men to wait on him; but since, being reduc'd to a meaner Station, was forc'd to part with both his Men.

This Gentleman was of a very Great Name, as *Charles Stuart*, and of some Figure in the World, as a Laird in his own Country, and also living in some Credit, was reasonably presunt by all that knew him to have been under some private Trust in *England*; and the suddenness of so Fatal an Execution, by all Conjecture, is imputed only to some Defeat and Unsuccess in the Affairs of his Party in *Scotland*. The *Protestant Cause*, through the Providence of God, has so succeeded in that Kingdom, as has not a little disheartned the *Catholick Agents* of that Nation: And this unhappy Gentleman, being a known *Romish Convert* of the last Reign, and undoubtedly rivetted in the *Catholick Interest*, being indeed too ingenuous to disown his Perswasion, whatever Concealment he made of his Affairs; so fatal and sudden a Despair is by all Circumstances, imagined to flow from no other Cause. Whether the apprehension of the other Six *Romish Agents* might occasion any part of so violent a Resolution, as perhaps some ways concerned with them, is not yet known; or from whatever other defeated purposes cannot justly be assign'd. Only to the matter of his Death, he was so resolv'd to dispatch himself, that he committed this Barbarity with his own Sword, and was so hardy in the performance, that one Wound failing, he gave himself no less than four or five Stabs to compleat his bloody purpose. The Fact being committed between Seven and Eight in the Morning this Instant 11th of *June*. His said several Wounds have been view'd by divers able Surgeons, and he is at present left lying on his Face, being the posture in which he was found, till the Coroners Inquest sits upon him.

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